

**FIG. 8a** provides a front image 805 of a unilateral fixator in accordance with an alternative exemplary embodiment of the present invention. **FIG. 8b** provides a side image 810 of a unilateral fixator in accordance with an alternative exemplary embodiment of the present invention. **FIG. 8c** provides a top image 815 of a unilateral fixator in accordance with an alternative exemplary embodiment of the present invention. **FIG. 9** provides an isometric image 900 of a unilateral fixator in accordance with an alternative exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIGS. 8a, 8b, 8c, and 9, in this embodiment, the present invention comprises two movable joints 820, 830, connected by a single strut 840. Each movable joint has two revolute joint segments 850, 860, with one movable joint 820 being able to be slide along the body of the strut 840. Each movable joint 820, 830 is then clamped to the strut 840. The strut 840 allows for both linear motion, by an inner segment of strut 840 moving within an outer segment of strut 840, as well as rotational motion between the ends where the movable joints 820, 830 are attached. The two movable joints 820, 830 allow for rotation movement in two orthogonally opposed degrees of freedom. Taken together the movable joints 820, 830 and the strut 840 allow for motion in all six degrees of freedom.

**FIG. 10a-10c** provide a front image 1005, a side image 1010, and a top image 1015, respectively, of a compound movable joint in accordance with an alternative exemplary embodiment of the present invention. **FIG. 11** provides an isometric image 1100 of a compound movable joint in accordance with the alternative exemplary embodiment of the present invention illustrated in FIGS. 11a-11e. Referring to FIGS. 10a, 10b, 10c, and 11, in this embodiment, the compound movable joint 1005, 1010, 1015, 1020, 1100 is comprised of two revolute joints 1070, 1080 and a clamp assembly 1060. The first revolute joint, also referred to herein as a roll joint 1070 provides revolute motion between the limits of plus or minus ninety degrees about an axis orthogonal to the main axis of the strut structure 840 (FIG. 8). The second revolute joint, also referred to herein as a pitch joint 1080 is directly fixed to the output of the roll joint 1070 and as such follows the revolute motion of the roll joint 1070. The pitch joint 1080

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